

Claim 10, line 1, change "claims 8 and 9" to --claim 8--.

Claim 11, line 2, change "claims 1-10" to --claim 1--.

Claim 12, lines 2 and 3, change "claims 1-7 and 11" to --claim 1--.

Claim 17, lines 1 and 2, change "claims from 1 to 16" to --claim 1--.

Claim 18, line 2, change "claims 1-11" to --claim 1--.

Please cancel claims 19-21 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim 22, line 2, change "claims 12 and 17" to --claim 12--.

Claim 23, line 2, change "claims 18 and 21" to --claim 18--.

REMARKS

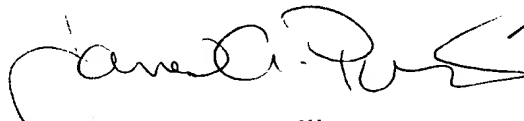
By the above amendments applicants have deleted both proper and improper multiple dependent claims. No new matter is added.

In view of the foregoing applicants respectfully request an early action on the merits.

In the event this paper is deemed not timely filed the applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to Deposit Account No.14-1060 along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper; any overpayment should be credited to the account.

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